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In re Application of :  
Suzanne K. Melges :  
Application No. 10/672,016 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: September 25, 2003 : UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(B)  
Attorney Docket Number: 4330/3 :  
US :  
Title: FOOD LABELING DEVICE FOR :  
PRINTING TIME AND DATE :  
INFORMATION ON ADHESIVE LABELS :  
TO TRACK FRESHNESS ;

This is a decision on the petition filed on August 4, 2006, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b)<sup>1</sup>, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action, mailed September 2, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three months. No response was received, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) were requested. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 3, 2004. A notice of abandonment was mailed on April 4, 2005.

<sup>1</sup> A grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

- (1) The reply required to the outstanding Office action or notice, unless previously filed;
- (2) The petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m);
- (3) A statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional, and;
- (4) Any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20(d)) required pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section.

With the present petition, Petitioner has submitted the petition fee, an amendment, and the proper statement of unintentional delay. A terminal disclaimer is not required.

As such, the petition is **GRANTED**.

The Technology Center will be notified of this decision. The Technology Center's support staff will notify the Examiner of this decision, so that the amendment, which was received with the present petition, can be processed.

The Revocation of Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address have been entered and made of record.

Telephone inquiries regarding *this decision* should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3225<sup>2</sup>. All other inquiries concerning examination procedures or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.



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<sup>2</sup> Petitioner will note that all practice before the Office should be in writing, and the action of the Office will be based exclusively on the written record in the Office. See 37 C.F.R. §1.2. As such, Petitioner is reminded that no telephone discussion may be controlling or considered authority for Petitioner's further action(s).